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Forest coupes in Anantapur district.

* 250-A Q.—Sri G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether new forest coupes are to be opened in Anantapur district specially in the areas of panchayat forests taken over by the Government, and if so, which they are?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir.

A statement[a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, is it not necessary to open more new coupes in these areas in order to provide better facilities and conveniences to the people living there? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, whenever emergency arises the matter is considered."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Sir, in order to prevent the illicit cutting of the forest trees and to provide conveniences as near as possible to the villages concerned, will the Government be pleased to re-allot coupes in the Anantapur district? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, usually coupes suitable for villages are fixed near enough to the villages. If any particular case is not so, and if it is brought to the notice of the Government, it will be possible for them to reconsider."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Sir, how many coupes are there in the Madanapalle Range of Anantapur district forest area? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The note that is placed on the table of the House gives all the information, Sir."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Are the coupes auctioned or are they allotted for local use, that is, for the people to cut for their own consumption? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Usually they are auctioned, Sir."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any limit fixed to the rates that are charged by these contractors with regard to these forest coupes? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" They take these coupes in auction sale, Sir, and then fuel is sold to the public."

SRI K. VEERANNA PADAL :—" తూర్పుగోదావరి జిల్లాలోని కొండజాతి ప్రజల యూనియన్లకు ఒక forest coupe ఇచ్చారు."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about Anantapur. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 647–648 infra.